

Arlington Conservation Commission
Minutes
August 21, 2014

Mr. Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. in the second floor conference room of the Town Hall Annex. Present were Nathaniel Stevens, David White, Michelle Durocher, Eileen Coleman, Curt Connors, Susan Chapnick, Janine White, and Mike Nonni of the Commission. Catherine Garnett and Charles Tirone of the Commission were not present. Mike Tabaczynski was also present.

7:45pm – Commission Business:

Connors/Coleman motioned to approve the 8/7 **minutes** with edits; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. White presented updates on work at the **Arlington Reservoir**. The water chestnuts were mechanically harvested early in August and completed, but there appears to be a lot left. Mr. White asked why they stopped? Ms. Beckwith will inquire of DPW or ACT. Mr. White reported that there will be a volunteer hand-pulling day on August 30, for the edges.

In addition, the Reservoir Committee is proposing a **restoration project** near the Busa Farm side of the reservoir, in the woods, near the sidewalk on Lowell St, to control poison ivy and plant native plants. This area is not within jurisdiction for a wetlands permit.

Mr. Stevens drafted a letter of support to the Arlington Board of Selectmen regarding the **ACROSS Lexington** proposed trail signage at Arlington's Great Meadows. Mr. Tabaczynski also reviewed the letter. Connors/Chapnick motioned to approve the letter; motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Coleman drafted some new materials (a flow chart and site walk form) for review in regards to revising the **Enforcement** policy for the Commission.

Ms. Beckwith recounted the discussion on revising the **Fees** from the last meeting. The suggested revision was also based upon a time estimate of processing the permit applications. The Commission asked to see this calculation. Mr. Stevens asked that the latest version of the fees chart be sent to the Commission again.

Ms. Beckwith would also send out materials related to creating a new permit for **Administrative reviews**, and a list of minor projects.

The Commission discussed its participation and coordination at **Town Day** on Sept. 13th.

Mr. Nonni reported on his intention to participate in the **Spy Pond Park** volunteer planting day on Sept. 6th.

Mr. Tirone submitted photos of the tree cutting at **2 Princeton Rd.** Mr. Stevens reviewed the language in the WPA regulations regarding vista pruning, which states that no more than 20% of the crown shall be cut without permission. DWhite/JWhite motioned to issue an Enforcement Order to provide a restoration plan by 9/11 and attend the 9/18 meeting; motion passed unanimously.

White/Coleman motioned to approve the issuance of the Certificate of Compliance for **30 Spy Pond Parkway**; motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Corinna Beckwith
Commission Administrator